



# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

## EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - SAN SALVADOR

No. 15-39

### Investigative Specialist

Position Vacancy

Date:

10/15/15

**THIS POSITION IS BEING RE-ADVERTISED. THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY APPLIED WILL REMAIN UNDER CONSIDERATION.**

**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates

**POSITION:** Investigative Specialist, FSN-10, FP-5

**OPENING DATE:** October 15, 2015

**CLOSING DATE:** October 26, 2015

**WORK HOURS:** Full time; 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** Locally Employed Staff: \$ 35,562 (Starting salary: BR + Allowances)

*Due to budgetary considerations, Post cannot provide Highest Previous Rate above Step 5 of the grade of the position.*

**NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Embassy in San Salvador is seeking for one individual for the Investigative Specialist position in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

### BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

Incumbent is a recognized expert in DEA investigations, providing advice and guidance on all investigative and legal issues to the Country Attaché (CA) or Assistant CA; serves as the primary DEA contact for host government law enforcement officials, plans and conducts the full range of DEA complex and sensitive investigations; is responsible for coordinating and supervising, under the direction of the CA or his designee, counternarcotic operations.

For a complete description of the position listing all duties and responsibilities please see the following link: [Investigative Specialist, FSN-10, FP-5 \(PDF 186KB\)](#)

### QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criteria detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in Public Relations, International Relations, Marketing, Engineering, Communications, Business Administration, Accounting, Law, Criminal Justice, Social/Political Science, Liberal Arts or a Military career at a rank of second Lieutenant or above or Police Sub Inspector or above is required.
2. **EXPERIENCE:** Minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience work with military, police or U.S. Government organization is required.
3. **LANGUAGE: English:** Level III (Good Working Knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing is required.  
**Spanish:** Level IV (Fluent knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing is required.  
(Applicants will be tested at the level of language proficiency required in order to be eligible to move on to the interview stage) These are not FSI levels.
4. **KNOWLEDGE:** Expert investigative knowledge is required. Must have knowledge of local anti-narcotics laws as it relates to documentary sources of information, political structure of the country, law enforcement environment, law enforcement agencies and military organizations and functions is required.
5. **SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Must have excellent skills in interacting with local law enforcement officials, excellent leadership, skills in prioritizing cases, conducting interviews, developing informants, applying investigative techniques, writing reports. Must be skilled in methods of interrogation.

## SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and US Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

## ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

## TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. Application for US Federal Employment (DS-0174) [http://sansalvador.usembassy.gov/job\\_opportunities.html](http://sansalvador.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html) in the "Download Application" box;
2. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
3. Any other documentation (e.g. essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the positions as listed above.

## SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

Human Resources Office  
American Embassy San Salvador

*Due to the volume of responses, individual acknowledgements regarding receipt of applications cannot be made. Only those applicants who are invited for an interview will be notified regarding the status of their applications.*

## DEFINITION

**U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, a USEFM is an individual who meets the following criteria:

- (1) U.S. citizen; and
- (2) EFM (see definition below)
- (3) Listed on the travel orders *or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report*, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and who is under chief of mission authority, and either:
  - (a) Resides at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
  - (b) Resides at an involuntary separate maintenance allowance (ISMA) location authorized under [3 FAM 3232.2](#). If residing at an ISMA location, the individual will not be listed on the sponsoring officer's travel orders, but will have a Form SF-1190, *Foreign Allowances Application, Grant and Report*, processed authorizing ISMA.

Other family members or dependents on direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed *service* member's travel orders *who do not meet all of these criteria* are not USEFMs or AEFMs for purposes of [3 FAM 8200](#).

DEFINITION: (2) EFM: An individual related to a US Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse; *or domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#))* of the sponsoring employee,
- Child of the sponsoring employee, who is an unmarried *child* at least 18 years old and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian

**NOTE: Non-US EFM, MOHs, EFM not under COM authority, US dependents of contractors, and US Citizen ORs do not receive a hiring preference.**

**CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: October 26, 2015**

The US Mission in San Salvador provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

**Cleared:** FMO/DEA  
**Approved:** MGT:ADEULUS



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